

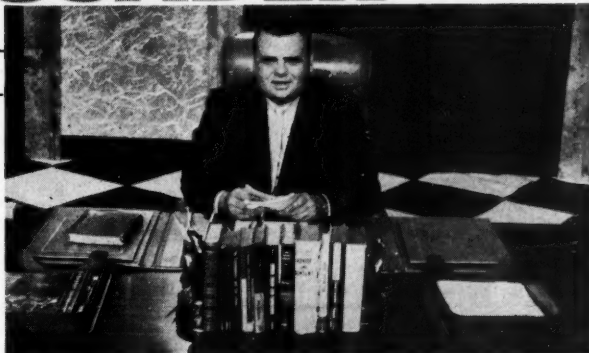
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## BISHOP JAMES PIKE: THE MAN—THE MYTH

Seldom in the history of the Christian church has a clergyman been as bold in denouncing the truths of the faith as Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California. Fulton Lewis, Jr. refers to Bishop Pike as a "sensationalist and publicity seeker, (who) delights in doing the bizarre and making extreme statements."

If this evaluation of Bishop Pike is accurate, he must consider himself a great success. His name has graced the pages of the nation's newspapers and magazines consistently for several months. Not all of the publicity has been favorable to the Bishop however. The San Francisco *Chronicle*, Friday, Feb. 3, 1961 carried this news item: "Heresy charges against Bishop James Pike cropped up from two new sectors yesterday."

"The Rev. George L. Moore, of the Walnut Creek First Baptist Church, said the Bishop 'stands shoulder to shoulder with conspiratorial Communists,' and that 'Christians . . . are fed up with Bishop Pike's frontal attack on the truth of God's word, the Bible."

"And in Atlanta, Georgia, 50 members of the American Church Union asked their own bishop to place a heresy charge against Pike before the Episcopal House of Bishops."

### ANTI-AMERICAN SYMPATHIES

Undoubtedly the charge of pro-Communist sympathies leveled at Bishop Pike stem from his avid support of the National Council of Christian Churches which has parroted phases of the Communist Party Line for many years. In addition, the Bishop has made repeated statements advocating the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. A statement issued May 8, 1960 by the *Department of Social Relations of the Diocese of California* (This is the office of Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike) is printed below:

"In view of the hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee scheduled for May 10 in San Francisco, the Department of Social Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of California reaffirmed its stand taken in August, 1959 regarding this Committee. This was announced Sunday, May 8th, by the Rev. Fordyce E. Eastburn, Chairman of the Department:

"In order to frame legislation intelligently Congress has the lawful and recognized right to conduct investigations. But every right carries with it an obligation. In this instance the obligation is to conduct investigations as a dispassionate search for facts following Anglo American judicial procedures.

"These safeguards for individual rights were incorporated in the United States Constitution's due process clause. Due process procedure such as advance notice to the accused of the charges which he faces; an opportunity to cross-examine his accusers and a demarcation between judge, prosecutor and jury are fundamental. We, therefore, believe that the Committee should hold no hearings until Congress puts it under controls which protect future witnesses from abuse.

"Unjustly conducted hearings not only harm the individual, but also the health of the society. Such investigations deprive individuals of their good name and livelihood without due process of law. We are informed that several individuals have lost their livelihood due to subpoenas issued last summer, although the Committee cancelled its San Francisco hearings.

"We urge California Congressmen to exert their influence to withdraw the mandate of the House Un-American Activities Committee or at the very least to secure cancellation of the Committee's hearings scheduled for San Francisco Tuesday, May 10th."

#### **ABUSING CLERICAL AUTHORITY**

The above statement was read by Bishop Pike's assistant, Canon Richard Byfield, at the Union Square Rally of the San Francisco student rioters on May 12, 1960. It is impossible that a better presentation of the U.S. Communist Party position in regard to the House Un-American Activities Committee would be found. The rebuttal of such a distorted and biased attack would require pages of copy. But suffice it to say that Bishop Pike as with the National Council of Churches in general, ignores the menace of International Communism. The very absence of any reference to Communism in the statement, when that is the sole purpose of the investigating Committee, indicates that the Bishop either chooses willingly to ignore that such a conspiracy exists, or that he is woefully ignorant of Communist tactics and infiltration. No matter which of these two categories Bishop Pike finds himself in, he is most certainly not the man, by virtue of his willingness to ignore Communism or his display of unprecedented ignorance, to use the high office of his church to influence public opinion against a lawfully constituted Congressional Committee.

In the light of HCUA Committee reports, issued since the San Francisco hearings; the statements of FBI

Director, J. Edgar Hoover and San Francisco Mayor George Christopher; the joint statement of seven ministers who sat through the Hearings, and the irrefutable evidence presented by the film *Operation Abolition* — all attesting to the fact of Communist agitation and disruption — Bishop Pike has not seen his way clear to rescind or in any way clarify his previous statements regarding the HCUA.

In a statement to the press, Bishop Pike answered the "shoulder to shoulder with conspiratorial Communists" charge by saying, "They (his critics) have used the word 'Communist' over and over again . . . as they use it, the word is utterly meaningless and this is the reason I fear so strongly this kind of irresponsible labeling.

"How can we meet the genuine Communist threat when the word itself is robbed of all meaning?"

Perhaps Bishop Pike's attacks on the HCUA and other groups openly exposing the infiltration of Communism is his idea of a much more effective method of meeting the Communist threat? Or perhaps advocating important aspects of the current Party Line, as the National Council of Christian Churches does, proves a better deterrent? Or, most likely, if we just ignore Communism, it will become disinterested in gaining world domination and silently steal away? We fail to accept that Bishop Pike is so naive.

#### **FOLLOWING PERNICIOUS WAYS**

The second charge facing the outspoken California Bishop is that of heresy. He is so charged by several south Georgia Episcopal clergymen who read Pike's article in the December 21 issue of *Christian Century*. Branded charitably by Pike as "heresy-hunters," they charged him with expressing disbelief in "the virgin birth of our Lord, the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as stated by the church and the necessity of salvation through Jesus Christ alone."

An Associated Press report, Feb. 12, 1961, said:

"'Religious myth is one of the avenues of faith,' the Right Rev. James A. Pike said Sunday, and 'has an important place in the communication of the gospel.'"

"He spoke of 'the myth of the Garden of Eden' and its value in explaining the nature of man. This was, he said the use of a myth to explain a 'complicated truth.'"

"'Yet I do not know of a single member of the Anglican communion — bishop, presbyter, deacon or layman — who believes this story literally,' Bishop Pike said in a pastoral letter which he ordered all rectors and vicars of his diocese to read Sunday. (Note that this heresy was *ordered* to be read by the rectors and vicars in the Bishop's diocese. Ed.)

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## APPEAL TO THE WOMEN OF THE WEST

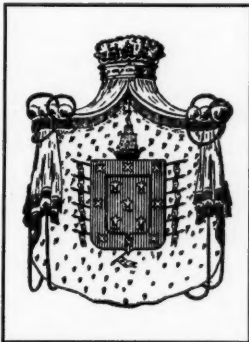
By LOUISA MARIA, *Dutchess of Valencia*

Editor's Note: In 1952, I spent some time in Madrid, Spain. I had an opportunity to meet a cross section of society and Government: Mr. Artajo, the Minister of Foreign Affairs; General Carlos Arsenio, the Director of the General Staff College; J. A. Cardinas, former Spanish Ambassador in Washington; General Mozcado, the Defender of the Alcatraz of Toledo; the fabulous Milan de Astray, who created the Spanish Foreign Legion; General Salgado Araujo, who wrote "The Sentinel of the West," a biography of Gen. Franco; the Duke de la Torres; Mr. Serrano Suner; L. Halcon, the editor of "Semana"; the Montiels; the Navarros; Fernandez Sierra; the Condes de Elda and many other completely representative people. I was primarily interested in the growing alliance between the United States and Spain. When the abortive Communist conspiracy, launched in 1947 by Kremlin stooges, failed to isolate Spain in the United Nations with the hearty collaboration of Washington—or rather the "invisible" manipulators in the State Department—I began to develop a modest journalistic campaign to bring to the attention of the Pentagon (at least) the indispensable role of Spain, in the Defense of the West. I published an essay "Bailen: The Spanish Bridgehead"—that embodied every major strategic consideration (1948), that defined Spain as the rear echelon of NATO—though that crazy-quilt had not yet been stitched. Three years later, Washington concluded Air-Navy base agreements with Spain, though with a "down the nose" attitude, taking a cue from Allies (France and Great Britain) who would furnish a fraction of the military forces that Spain was always ready and able to provide. This astounding political transformation was largely due to the teamwork of Ambassador Lequeriqua and a brilliant Washington lawyer—Charles Patrick Clarke.

The period of my visit coincided with a curious phenomenon, the resurgence of monarchist feelings. The fetish of the West (especially the United States) is "universal suffrage" i.e., to equate a Ph.D. with an illiterate cotton picker, and elect politicians who thrive in the malodorous garbage of Cook County. Well—the West is now confronted with the work of these "Statesmen"—"Der Untergang des Abenlandes." (O. Spenger) and the advent of a new set of "statesmen"—Nkrumah, Sequoe, Toure, Castro, Soekarno, Ulbricht, Kadar—Communist vultures—not a phoenix in a carload—who have risen from the ashes of Europe's suicidal wars. Considering the advent of this scum, the dregs of the revolution—the return of "monarchy" does not seem far-fetched: it at least had the tradition of noblesse oblige and William II (the target of Clemenceau and Wilson) compares favorably, on every count, with Roosevelt's pal, good old "Uncle Joe." The experiment did not quite work out that way in Spain (in my obviously limited observation).

Elections for municipal Councilors were considered an involuntary test of sentiment, of indefinable nostalgia for royalty. In this historically suggestive example, the contestants were the "Falange," the anti-Communist civil war party of the "Movimiento Nacional" and the remnant "Monarchists" who put up exceptionally able candidates: Torcuato Luca de Tena y Brunet, the owner-editor of A.B.C. of Madrid (one of the best European Weeklies in existence); Joaquin Calvo-Sotelo, a famous name associated with the early phase of the Civil War; Manuel Fanjul Sedena and Joaquin Sasstestequi y Fernandez. In that particular instance, the "Falange" won handsomely with about 75% of the electoral vote. The "Monarchists" naturally accused their opponents of manipulating the vote (Could be? It happens in Chicago?) but the "cognoscenti" believed that it accurately reflected

a certain apathy of the voters toward the topic of the Crown. Nevertheless, General Franco has proceeded with grooming the heir-apparent for a regency. His father, the Pretender, is sulking in that elegant refuge of jobless royalty—Estoril, in Portugal, while his followers get kicked around in the Spanish area, notably H. H. Luisa, the Duchess of Valencia who has risked her fortune, her youth and her rank in a currently unequal contest with the authorities who jailed her unceremoniously on several occasions. Lately, the Duchess has become more prudent and lives quietly in the fabulous walled city of Avila, in a medieval palace. Quite recently, the Duchess has launched a movement among women. Her views are significant, in an unequal contest between the raw facts of our present situation and a delicate nuance of feminine intuition—that may yet become effective. The Duchess was a Red Cross nurse during the last war.



"... I, Luisa-Maria, Duchess of Valencia, appeal to you—the wives, mothers, sisters, sweethearts and daughters of the men in power, to unite and force your men to realize the deadly danger menacing your homes and the existence of the free world.

Sadly enough, this grave danger was brought about by the foolishness of our beloved men, blinded as they still are by personal prejudices, outdated party-politics and almost medieval conceptions of national problems. We, the women, must induce them now to let bygones be bygones and become aware of the greatest danger that has ever faced mankind: The international gangsterhood of Communist nations which, strongly united under the leadership of ruthless men, is determined to enslave what is left of the shrinking free world, even at the risk of a war of utter destruction.

But all our clever men do, confronted by this deadly danger, is to squabble and quarrel in useless international conferences which only serve to expose their utter lack of unity and give the Communist leaders a tailormade platform for their destructive propaganda, with the whole world in audience.



And still our men refuse to see the writing on the wall! For instead of confronting the Communist leaders with a strong and united front of free nations, they try each separately, to make "a deal" with the enemies of mankind, in the futile hope that when the holocaust of atomic destruction does come, it may spare them! Naturally, as always, they will then ask us women to "*Do Our Share*," to save and sacrifice and send our sons, husbands and fathers to be killed "*For the Fatherland*," as they will tell us—for the very sad reason that they were unable to settle their mutual problems like sensible people first, then confront the Communist world with an invincible united front!

We, the women, must make it clear to our men that we do not care for *dead heroes*. That we care still less for silly metal *badges* pinned to shattered breasts, torn limbs and broken lives! We want our men, sweet-hearts and sons alive and whole with us and do not want them to become "*heroic*" cannon fodder on some far off battlefield, in the coming war which seems bound to come. If women really want something badly enough, we are sure to get it—and more often than not, we the women, had to show our men their duty. I, myself, have done it before and I have fought single-handed an all-powerful police-state and a mighty dictator who apparently needed his entire police force to "*break me*," a lone woman. I was only broken in health but never in Spirit, but I was defeated by the very narrowness of my cause then—the restoration of the Monarchy in Spain. A cause perhaps as narrow and of limited horizon as other futile and selfish causes which prevent the leaders of the free world to Unite! But today, we women have to fight together and for a far greater and sacred cause: *the very existence of our own world.*"

What I endeavored to achieve alone, the brave women of Italy have since done on a national basis. When the Communists of Italy granted the women the vote, hoping thus to gain an easier victory and take over that country constitutionally, they were defeated unexpectedly by a *massive, conservative women's vote which saved Italy and Europe from Communist tyranny*. And what has been done by women on a national basis, let us try to achieve on an international basis. Let us women get together and form first local then national "*watch-dog*" committees—then send delegations to international gatherings so as to ensure that no petty interest will ever divide our leaders again. If we were to fight thus, united, we could be invincible, for we would be fighting on a battlefield of our own choosing, a battlefield where we are invincible—Our Homes! *Our breakfast tables would be our super-bombers, our conjugal beds our tanks and our glib tongues, our heavy artillery!*

We women of the free world are not interested in Khrushchev's ideological experiments, less still do we care for comrade Mao-Tse-tung's concentration camps of human anthills. We only wish to live as we do, happy and free but, to keep the sacred heirloom our fathers have entrusted to us, we must unite and defend it lest it will be snatched from us and we will be enslaved and treated like human chattel.

That is why I appeal to you, my sisters, to put pressure on our present leaders, to stop them from cheating themselves and the whole Free World and to Unite! Let us remind these leaders that we women have a right to peace and security. A peace and security for us and our children, so that they may grow up in a free and secure world; and not as we are living today—not knowing when falling asleep tonight, what dreadful calamity awaits us at our breakfast table tomorrow.

LUISA MARIA, *Duchess of Valencia*  
Madrid, Spain

## Soviet Intelligence Flights Over Alaska

The "*Sateve Post*" orated pontifically (in one of its recent Editorials) on the subject of "spying." Incidentally, I am a great admirer of "*Sateve Post*" and they can pontificate on any subject, any time they feel like it, viz:

"... *The U.S. has been under continuous scrutiny by Soviet spies for years; Latin American cities swarm with them; the seas off our coasts harbor Soviet submarines picking up information concerning the Polaris and other devices. Khrushchev's theatrical outrage (on the U-2 Flight) deceived only the gullible...*

"... *When we have no reliable access to Soviet military plans and resources while Soviet agents need only read our newspapers or snoop around a little—such observations as that engaged in by the unfortunate Mr. Powers will have to be continued...*"

We agree with our exalted colleagues of "*Sateve Post*." I feel they missed a considerable bet (with the Washington papers, for example) when they failed to exploit the scandalous disclosure of espionage in the Czech Embassy that happened at the height of the Powers "propaganda." They might even have read the "*Congressional Record*" (June 8, 1960) in which Rep. Daniel J. Flood (an intrepid anti-Communist fighter who specializes in Caribbean affairs) inserted a private letter from Alaska that is self explanatory. Here are extracts:

"I, as one of the persons who has been in a position to observe, while living at Point Barrow and flying there for over 8 years, hauling hunts, flying the DEW Line sites, etc.

"Have seen Russian planes a number of times in 1953. They made many trips nearly daily over to Barter Island and return just north of Cape Tisbourne.

"\_\_\_\_\_, at Point Barrow, also has seen them many times close enough for their identification as Russian.

"For about the last 2 years their flying has to our knowledge been less.

"But during the years before we had our long-range fast aircraft, they definitely photographed all the DEW Line sites, etc., because during the construction period they flew just about daily and returned straight to Russia. I observed them from Tisbourne head to Russia a number of times and knew that they were not our planes.

"During the building of our radar site at Cape Tisbourne they even came over and, on several occasions with jet aircraft with their gear down, made passes at the lower field of the first one built.

"I have met and asked many Air Force pilots why they never did anything. I was told that they had orders not to fire on them unless attacked by them.

"There are a number of respectable pilots and others who can verify all this but I suppose, for some reason not known to us, it has not been publicized. Thought I would pass this on as it makes us up here a bit angry also. They have a lot of Arctic I.G.Y. work on Ice Islands, etc., which are close at times and they do fly frequently close to us. We have seen them while polar bear hunting also. But they have photographed our northern Alaska area several years back without a doubt. . . ."

Addressing himself to the Speaker of the House, Mr. Flood remarked: "What could be clearer than this letter from an 'on the scene' observer of Soviet flights over Alaska? It confirms the revelations of travelers returning from Alaska where they had opportunities to talk with residents. Why is it that such information as this has not been told to the people of the United States? *Why is it that officials of our Government have not used Soviet flights over Alaska to counter the browbeating attacks of Premier Khrushchev? Why the silence of our press?*

"To say the least, the situation is untenable and should be met. To this, Mr. Speaker, I repeat what I said on May 19 to the House. Our Government should call for the arrest and deportation of Soviet spies, who form a far more extensive intelligence service here than we have in the Soviet Union. For this procedure, we have the recent action of little Switzerland in deporting spies as a precedent.

"Meanwhile, Mr. Speaker, the people of the United States will expect the President to issue orders to our Alaska commands to protect our positions there in the same way Premier Khrushchev protects those of the Soviet Union. These orders should include instructions to challenge Soviet planes and to shoot down those which do not comply with orders to land."

## West Europe:

### A STUDY IN GEOGRAPHY

Since Versailles (1918) international maps have not been too permanent: Alsace Lorraine returned to the French fold (1945). The Saar changed hands at least twice (1948). Imperial Austrian Bohemia and Mahren have become "Czechoslovakia" — though the component "partners" do not even speak a common language. In the hectic atmosphere of the Paris Conference — 1918-19, the mid-western bonhommie of naive American delegates was no match for the venomous power politics of Europe and cynical politicians of the caliber of Clemenceau. For centuries a part of Bohemia under the Austrian Empire, the Sudeten Germans — a historical ethnic minority of 3½ million people — were submerged in a Czech majority of 6½ million, were politically silenced and deprived of the much-vaunted "right of self-determination" which has since become an incessant slogan (in the United Nations) against tropical "colonialism" but is not for European slave states. President Wilson should have known better but appears to have been influenced by a Czech map showing the German language areas in scattered, isolated enclaves or thinly spaced along the Prussian border. The map contained substantial omissions and errors; it was either a forgery or equally reprehensible careless draftsmanship.

Something of the same sort has happened in Southern Tyrol and the adjudication and transfer of Austrian minorities to Italy. Natural local resentments paved the way for Hitler and Mussolini. It may happen again.

With American dead scattered from the Rhine to the Yalu, it behooves us to examine critically these potential casus belli of the future and not again become the catspaw of alien, dynastic ambitions. At the Yalta sell-out, an administrative border was set up along the Oder-Neisse line, as between Russians and Poles. This cynical steal of East German territories will never be accepted by the Germans. It is political dynamite, now and in the future. A German historical research unit in Gottingen (Gottinger Arbeits Kreis) has filed a strong protest with the American authorities to the effect "that America houses display maps, globes and atlases that show the mutilated German territories as a fait-accomplis and the Oder-Neisse line as the official Polish state border." This is waving the proverbial red flag and is hardly within the purview of the American information services. It is obviously imprudent to give even the shadow of American approval to disputed frontiers — especially when West Germans are expected to rearm and fight on the side of America and N.A.T.O.

# EPITAPH FOR THE PAN-AMERICAN UNION

## 1. Why Do We Lose in Latin America?

The decade 1950-60 has been an era of humiliating retreat for the United States in Latin America.

Two parallel forces have contributed to this American eclipse:

1) **International Communism** — identified and recognized by most thinking Americans, although its shifting disguises often fool us.

2) **A demagogic Latin American Socialism** which takes many chameleon forms — is not so well understood. Taking the form of the *Accion Democratica* in Venezuela, the *Aprista Party* in Peru, the *Partido Liberacion Nacional* in Costa Rica, the *M.N.R.* in Bolivia, or the *Revolutionary Party* in Guatemala, *Latin American Socialism* is the most insidious anti-American influence now at work in this hemisphere. Its leaders, Betancourt in Venezuela, Cardenas in Mexico and Figueres in Costa Rica, while observing the masquerade of moderation, are continuously at work undermining American interests. Because their anti-American bias is skillfully concealed under "democratic" phrases, they present a far more dangerous challenge to the United States than do the outright Communists.

The fatal turn which our State Department has made during this decade has been to accept some of these scheming Socialists as *bona fide allies*, in place of the genuine conservatives and anti-Communists in Latin America with whom we have traditionally worked. American ultra-Liberals such as Adolf A. Berle Jr., Herbert L. Matthews, Luis Munoz Marin, etc. have sold the State Department the bill of goods that we can use Socialism as a weapon against Latin American Communism.

## 2. Shift from the Pan-American Union to the O.A.S.

In pursuit of this preposterous policy, we have steadily surrendered the rights which we possessed under the Monroe Doctrine and the historical bond of the previous "*Pan-American Union*," one of the best regional understandings ever developed in this hemisphere — an all-American product that took years of diplomatic skill and patience to create, inherently superior to recent, post-war U.S. regional groupings.

The strong, conservative but virile tradition of the Pan-American Union is now buried in the morass of the United Nation legalities and has become the "*Organization of American States*" (O.A.S.). The ingenuous Alger Hiss has planted subtle corrosive devices throughout

this shabby document and his Russian masters knew how to find the soft spot. The Russian delegate in the U.N. has already attempted to challenge the O.A.S., under Par. 53 "... *subject to revision by the Security Council*..." The occasion was the rejection of Cuba's, i.e. Castro's, critique by the O.A.S., a forerunner of more intrigues to come — exactly as planned by the "*master builder*" of the U.N. — one Alger Hiss, erstwhile darling of the State Department. In an effort to appease the Latin American Socialist Left, we have transferred to the O.A.S. the final decision in all major Latin American issues, except the outpouring of our money.

## 3. Obsession of the State Department

This obsession of the State Department with the so-called "*revolution*" in Latin America explains the stupidities of the Department coddling Fidel Castro in Cuba, until he became too hot to handle.

The irony of it all is that while we think we are using the Socialists, they are actually using us. *Steadily, relentlessly, they are destroying the foundations of American leadership in this hemisphere.*

Hope is mounting in informed circles that the next administration will see the end of the long catalepsy of the State Department in Latin America.

It should be possible to formulate and prosecute Latin American policy without the dead hand of Dr. Milton Eisenhower, who for seven years has practically written American policy — a third rate "*eminence*" to a "*third rate royalty*." His influence has resulted in a steady weakening of American initiative in this hemisphere. *Pathetically trustful of the O.A.S., Dr. Eisenhower's answer to every crisis has been to hand over the decision to this indecisive body.*

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## "BISHOP PIKE" (Continued from page 2)

"He described the virgin birth as a myth which churchmen should be free to accept or reject. Another, he added, is that of the existence of a 'three-level universe, with a flat earth, hell below and heaven above.'"

### UNQUALIFIED FOR OFFICE

If the Bishop is quoted accurately on the front page of the San Francisco *Examiner*, January 30, 1961, he makes no pretense of having a personal relationship with Christ and is open in his blasphemy toward God. The paper quotes him as saying: "I'm an agnostic myself . . . The best answer to a question on which you're in the dark is that you don't know . . . When I get to Heaven or Hell, I'll find out . . . The Virgin Birth narratives are tremendous myths. In this case a myth is a particular literary art form of telling the truth . . . I don't disbelieve it. I wasn't there. *If God wanted to do it that way, it's all right with me.*" (Emphasis ours)

In view of Bishop Pike's unashamed admission that he is an agnostic, what holds him in his position as Bishop in the California diocese of the Episcopal church? What benefit can such a bankrupt spiritual illiterate have for the layman? The answer to these questions are to be found in the modern-day concept of the function and ministry of the church. This new thought is the product of calculated planning and teaching in our seminaries, colleges and universities for almost two centuries.

### THE 20TH CENTURY CHURCH

In a folder entitled *Methodists Speak on Social Concerns*, issued by the 1960 General Conference of the Methodist Church, the following is given as the purpose of the visible church in our age:

"The role of the church in today's world situation is clear. Its task is to help mankind attain freedom, human rights, justice, adequate living standards, self-government and the cooperation of all nations for the maintenance of peace." *Note that not one word is said about the church meeting the spiritual needs of sinful man.* The whole program of the liberal, doctrine-destroying churches of today is that of social reform. It is based primarily on the premise that there is no life after death and the "Kingdom of God" referred to in the Scriptures can be brought about on earth by the humanistic efforts of pseudo-clerics of the James Pike School.

The chief agency through which this important change has come about is the National Council of Churches. In 1908 when it was founded, it was called the Federal Council of Churches and was largely directed by Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, a socialist. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church in his book, *Personalities in Social Reform*, states that Rauschenbusch came under the teachings of Beatrice

and Sidney Webb whose promulgations nearly brought about a socialist revolution in England. Oxnam quotes Rauschenbusch as saying in 1893, "The only power that can make socialism succeed, if it is established, is religion. It cannot work in an irreligious country."

In his *Theology for the Social Gospel*, Rauschenbusch said: "The worst thing that could happen to God would be to remain an Autocrat while the world is moving toward Democracy. He would be dethroned with the rest (i.e., of the rulers of the universe)." This is the same man who wrote socialism into the foundation of the National and World Council of Churches' original organization, The Federal Council of Churches.

The Chicago *Daily Tribune* of August 26, 1954, commenting on the World Council Assembly at Evanston, Illinois, said:

"Some American theologians believe that the flesh and blood of Kingdom of God, a utopian socialist paradise can be established here on this earth. A vision of it is presented in a book titled, 'On This Rock' by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church one of the five presidents of the World Council of Churches. Bishop Oxnam writes that 'the old order (the American way of life — private enterprise) is passing away, and a new one is coming . . .'"

Thus, these new thinking clergymen, denying the validity of the scriptures and the deity of Christ, must believe that the Kingdom of God would be brought into existence by a socialist revolution.

Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, one of the most sought after preachers of the modern-liberal, NCC circles had this to say about the Kingdom of God: "We hope, rather, that Christian Communism will win the day; that such a new economic development is coming, seems altogether probable."

### SIMILARITIES REVEALED

Few American Christians have stopped to consider just how close this Kingdom-of-God-on-earth concept is to Communist thought and ideology. In a pamphlet by Lenin entitled *Religion*, edited by International Publishers of New York, 1933, Lenin said:

"Religion teaches those who toil in poverty all their lives to be resigned and patient in this world, and consoles them with the hope of a reward in heaven. As for those who live on the labor of others religion teaches them to be charitable in earthly life, thus providing a cheap justification for their whole exploiting existence and selling them at a reasonable price tickets to heavenly bliss. Religion is the opium of the people. Religion is a kind of spiritual intoxicant in which the slaves of capital drown their humanity and their desires for some sort of decent human existence . . . That is why we do not declare, and must not declare in our programme that we are atheists; that is why we do not

forbid and must not forbid proletarians who still cling to the remnants of old prejudices to come into closer contact with our Party. We will always preach a scientific world conception; we must fight against the inconsistencies of the 'Christians' . . ."

The extent to which this Marxian concept has wedged its way into the thinking of what Bishop Pike calls the "Standard Brand" churches is revealed in a book entitled *What a Man Can Believe*, by Dr. James Smart, who was at the time of writing (1933) the head of all publication work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. In his book, Dr. Smart said:

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"This was coupled with a perception that men never really get roused into passion against the evils that cripple and frustrate their life as long as they dream of a paradise the other side of death. That dream is like opium which deadens the pain caused by such evils and keeps men from reacting forcibly against them. Thus Karl Marx coined his phrase that 'religion is the opiate of the people,' a phrase which stuck in men's minds because there was so much in their religion that justified the criticism. Those social thinkers who still glibly use this phrase to dismiss religion fail, however, to realize that a criticism which was justified in Marx's day has lost all application to a Christianity in which other worldly dreaming has become a rarity and has been replaced by the passion for social reform. The concentration of mind now in wide sections of the Church is, not upon a paradise beyond, but upon a paradise on the nearer side of death. Mention of the New Jerusalem suggests to a man of the present day, not some realm of bliss in another world, but a great new social order which he hopes may soon be brought into being among men."

As we see from the above, the intention of men like Bishop Pike is not to abolish religion, but to transform its purpose and intent so that it becomes a tool for revolutionary social upheaval. While the Communists seek to do away with the profit motive and free enterprise system through a Manifesto which is based on dialectical materialism — and which is militantly atheistic — the religious liberals like Bishop Pike retain a basic belief in God but relegate that belief into a tool to be used in bringing about the same socialistic end as Communism. The churches provide ready-made propaganda agencies for socialist doctrine and this subterfuge is carried on with the full respect accorded the clergy.

The repudiation of basic Christian doctrine and beliefs by the large segment of our American Churches has been viewed favorably by the Communists. Wherever the Bible is upheld as the Word of God and the rule of social conduct, Communism will be overwhelm-

ingly rejected. Thus, the fostering of liberal views, such as those advocated by Bishop Pike, et al, pave the way for ultimate Communist take-over from within.

#### THE FINAL EROSION

In his book *The Twilight of World Capitalism*, William Z. Foster, former head of the Communist Party, U.S. said:

"It has become clear, however, from the experience of the last generation that religion will not necessarily die with the Capitalist system. Most, if not all of the important religions including the Christian denominations, will very probably live on over into socialism. The downfall of capitalism will weaken but not destroy them. This has been demonstrated already by Church experience in the socialist Soviet Union, and it is now being proved afresh in the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe, which are moving on into socialism. In such situations, the churches are showing a certain capacity to adapt themselves to socialist conditions . . . In China . . . faced with the spectacular advance of communism, many of the Christian sects, financed from other countries, are beginning to reshape themselves to the profoundly changing social conditions. They are proposing to function behind the Communist lines, which means they will have to drop their anti-Communist activities . . . In order to exist (the Christian church) will be compelled to abandon its support of capitalism and accept the reality of the new socialist economic and political system. Under socialism religion must cease being a tool of political reaction or face the wrath of the people.

" . . . Especially there is no ruling class under socialism to require religion as a means to hold its workers under exploitive control. Moreover, the people, freed of all exploitation and enjoying the fruits of their labor, then have no need to dream about a mythical paradise. With the expanding development of the Marxist materialist outlook upon life and death, the masses under socialism are provided with an ethics and moral code which are completely satisfying to them intellectually and socially, and which render altogether obsolete religion's myths, legends, superstitions, and slave moralities."

The book from which the above quote was taken was dedicated to "My Great-Grandson . . . *Who Will Live in a Communist United States.*" Should William Z. Foster's prediction come true for his great-grandson, we seriously believe that the liberal, socialistic views of clergymen like Bishop Pike will have substantially aided and accelerated the enemy's success. Bishop Pike would do well to soberly contemplate the fact that he would then be shipped off to the slave camps along with the rest of the 'reactionary' bourgeoisie enemies of the state.